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EUROPEAN BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 17 DEC 88.

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HQS DSA
SAC CIA REP
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CINCUSNAVEUR
15TH AF MARCH AFB
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USDOCOSOUTH NAPLES I
HQ MAC SCOTT AFB IL
COR ITAC
928MW FAIRCHILD AFB
DEPT OF LABOR
DIRNSA
USDOE FORRESTAL BLDG
21AD HANCOCK FLD NY
23AD DULUTH IAP MINN
24AD MALMSTROM AFB
25AD MCCHORD AFB

26AD LUKE AFB ARIZ
USAF COIC RAMSTEIN
12TIS BERGSTROM AFB

[REDACTED]
DEPT OF STATE FOR SECSTATE AID; USUN NEW YORK FOR POLAD;
DIA FOR EUR; CINCEUR FOR POLAD; CINCSO FOR POLAD; AIR
UNIVERSITY FOR STATE REP AND TED CHERRY; NAVY WAR COLLEGE
FOR STATE DEPT REP; TREASURY DEPT ATTN MRS BECK DADS;
COMUSARMY FT MEADE FOR SPECIAL RESEARCH DET; COMDT COASTGUARD
FOR POLAD; HQ TAC FOR TACOPS/INOI; HQS DSA FOR CIS; BERGSTROM
AFB TEX FOR 67TH TRV DO; NPIC FOR PB CABLES; CINCUSAFE FOR
INOCN XPMN; HQ MAC SCOTT AFB IL FOR INZ; COR ITAC FOR GIPD;
24 COMP WING HOWARD AFB IN IN; 3AF BARKSDALE AFB LA/INZE;
15AF MARCH AFB CA/INZE; 928MW FAIRCHILD AFB WA/IN, 12 TIS
BERGSTROM AFB FOR INI

POLAND SITUATION REPORT.

THE POLISH REGIME GAINED ANOTHER BREATHING SPELL AS THE 10
DEMONSTRATION IN GDANSK PASSED WITHOUT UNTOWARD INCIDENTS, AND
SOLIDARITY LEADER WALESA APPEALED FOR CALM AND NATIONAL RECONCIL
TION. [REDACTED]

POPE JOHN PAUL II ALSO SENT A TELEGRAM, BROADCAST
BY THE REGIME, ASKING FOR CALM AND UNITY. THE REGIME'S
SPOKESMAN, GDANSK PARTY LEADER FISZBACH, EMPHASIZED THAT
THE PARTY WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION
WITH THE UNION AND TO RENEW THE PARTY. [REDACTED]

ALTHOUGH THE USSR WAS NOT MENTIONED DIRECTLY, AN
UNDERLYING THEME OF THE SPEAKERS WAS THAT POLAND MUST
NOT GIVE THE SOVIETS A JUSTIFICATION FOR INTERVENING.
WALESA QUOTED FROM THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE POLISH
EPISCOPATE LAST FRIDAY THAT POLES MUST NOT ACT IN SUCH A
WAY THAT EXPOSES THE COUNTRY TO "DANGERS" OR THREATENS
"LIBERTY AND STATEHOOD." FISZBACH SAID THAT POLES MUST
OPPOSE ANYTHING THAT MAY "THREATEN THE INTERESTS OF THE
NATION AND STATE." [REDACTED]

THE REGIME, APPARENTLY HEARTENED BY WALESA'S CON-
CILIATORY REMARKS, BROADCAST THEM ON THE RADIO AND RE-
PORTEDLY TELEVISED THEM TO THE NATION. THIS WAS THE
FIRST TIME THAT A SPEECH BY WALESA WAS GIVEN NATIONAL
COVERAGE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEVERAL OFFI-
CIALS IN SOLIDARITY CRITICIZED WALESA FOR TAKING TOO
SOFT A LINE TOWARD THE REGIME. WALESA, HOWEVER, SEEMS

[REDACTED]
TO BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND SUCH CRITICISM, AND HE PRESUMABLY
WILL CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THAT SOLIDARITY MUST CONSOLI-
DATE ITS GAINS, CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE, AND
AVOID NEEDLESS CONFRONTATIONS. [REDACTED]

THE REGIME MAY NOW HAVE SEVERAL MORE WEEKS OF QUIET,
FOR AFTER THE COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES SCHEDULED FOR TO-
DAY IN GOYANIA, SZCZECIN, AND SEVERAL OTHER CITIES MOST
POLES WILL BE MAINLY INTERESTED IN FINISHING PREPARA-
TIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. NEVERTHELESS, THE SO-
VIETS ARE MAINTAINING A HIGH LEVEL OF CONCERN AND ARE
CONTINUING MILITARY PREPARATIONS. [REDACTED]

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

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THE REGIME, HOWEVER, STILL FACES SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS--NOTABLY FOOD AND COAL SHORTAGES--THAT REMAIN POTENTIAL CAUSES OF UNREST. [REDACTED]

POLISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY STEFAN OLSZOWSKI

[REDACTED]
RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT SUPPLIES OF QUALITY MEAT, FISH, FRUITS, AND CONFECTIONARY ITEMS WILL BE IN SHORT SUPPLY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. SUPPLIES OF LOWER QUALITY ITEMS WILL BE SUBSTITUTED TO KEEP THE VOLUME OF FOOD AT LAST YEAR'S LEVEL. MANY STAPLE ITEMS AS WELL AS LUXURY GOODS WERE IN SHORT SUPPLY LAST WEEK. [REDACTED]

TO ENSURE THE BETTER DISTRIBUTION OF MEAT SUPPLIES, THE REGIME RECENTLY INTRODUCED TEMPORARY MEAT RATIONING FOR THE HOLIDAYS IN SOME PROVINCES, INCLUDING WARSAW AND SZCZECIN. RATIONED MEAT IS SUPPOSED TO SUPPLY A LITTLE MORE THAN HALF THE POPULACE'S NORMAL CONSUMPTION--ALTHOUGH REPORTS OF SHORTAGES MAKE IT UNCERTAIN THAT EVEN THIS AMOUNT OF MEAT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OFFICIAL STORES. [REDACTED]

A LACK OF COAL HAS LED TO POWER DEFICITS THAT COULD INTENSIFY SINCE SOME POWER PLANTS ARE USING THEIR ALREADY-LOW RESERVE STOCKS. THE POWER CUTS HAVE HAD PARTICULARLY ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE PRODUCTION OF STEEL, AND THE

[REDACTED]
POLISH PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT CEMENT FACTORIES IN LUBLIN WILL HAVE TO SUSPEND WORK SOON BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF COAL. [REDACTED]

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